

Application No. 09/840,551
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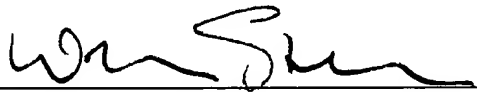
Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested. Claims 1-4 remain in the application.

Applicants herewith submit the executed *Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131* which renders the Examiner's 103 rejection over the prior art of GENOSSAR and HENRION moot, because applicants' invention was reduced to practice prior to September 30, 1998, the effective filing date of Genossar.

Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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